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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN ETHIOPIA AS OF 0600 HOURS (EST)

ASMARA IS QUIET TODAY AND SOME SHOPS AND BANKS ARE OPEN.
THE ETHIOPIAN MILITARY HAS BEEN COMMANDERING SOME SUPPLIES
OF FOOD AND FUEL.

THE TWO AMERICAN NEWSMEN, ARRESTED BY THE PMG IN ADDIS ON
FEB. 12 HAVE BEEN PLACED UNDER HOUSE ARREST AT A LOCAL
HOTEL AND WILL PROBABLY SOON BE EXPelled FROM THE COUNTRY.

THE ETHIOPIAN MILITARY IS NOW PREVENTING REFUGEES FROM
LEAVING ASMARA. A NEWS BLACKOUT IS IN EFFECT AND JOURNA-
LISTS ARE BEING PREVENTED FROM TRAVELLING TO ASMARA.

U.N. SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM HAS CALLED ON THE O.A.U. TO
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PREVENT FURTHER BLOODSHED IN ERITREA. HOWEVER, OAU SOURCES

INDICATE THAT IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE ERITREA CONFLICT
WILL BE ON THE AGENDA OF THE OAU MEETINGS WHICH
CONVENE TODAY.

THE U.S. MILITARY ADVISOR IN ASMARA REPORTS THAT WHILE
THE ETHIOPIAN MILITARY IN ASMARA IS CAPABLE OF HOLDING
THE CITY, THE INSURGENTS ARE ABLE TO MOUNT SMALL SCALE
ATTACKS AND SABOTAGE RAIDS AT WILL. INGERSOLL
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